SHRI RAM NAIK : It means that the Government has become completely helpless in so far as the rehabilitation of textile workers is concerned. It is a serious matter. How can God help you? The Finance Minister can help you. But he is smiling mischievously. So, you must help him and ensure that the textile workers and the jute workers get their due share. That is what the Government should do.

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : BJP also is saying that God cannot help!

SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR : The Minister has to answer the questions put to him.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You have already asked many questions. Now please sit down, let the Minister answer.

SHRI R.L. JALAPPA : If BJP has lost faith in the God, if they do not believe in Him, what can I do now?

For the last one week the price of jute has been going high. On 27.8.1996 in Assam and Meghalaya it was Rs. 730; on 3.9.1996 it was Rs. 790. In North Bengal it was Rs. 870; now it is Rs. 920. In South Bengal it was Rs. 800; now it is Rs. 850.

As far as research is concerned, we have two Institutions - one is IJIRA and another is IJT. We are spending nearly four to five crores of rupees for research work. I wanted to go there personally to find out what research they are doing. Unfortunately I could not go. I am thinking of going there in the last week of this month and find out what is going on.

My friends were asking me to give some support to exporters. We are already supporting them by way of collecting cess from the mill owners. We are subsidising these exporters. Exports also have gone up considerably during the last three years. In 1993-94 it was of the order of Rs. 380 crore; in 1994-95 it went up to Rs. 487 crore and in 1995-96 it touched Rs. 546 crore. That means, exports are going high. We are at it.

About the enforcement of Jute Control Order many representations have been received. Some say that bagging cement in gunny bags gives room for spillage. Nearly one to one-and-a-half kilogram of cement is being spilled out. So, the cement manufacturers do not want cement to be bagged in gunny bags. When the jute manufacturers met me, I asked them whether it was possible to produce bags with some lamination inside the bags, so that the spillage was not there. They have said that it is possible. I will find out whether this can be enforced to see that spillage from the gunny bags is prevented.

Regarding other things, food items are being bagged in gunny bags; urea is being bagged in gunny bags to the extent of 60 to 70 per cent. Other things are also being bagged in jute bags.

I think I have answered almost all the quaries. I have already said that I am thinking of constituting a committee to go into the working of this institution.

I am going to do this. Also, for NTC, I am going to constitute an independent committee to go through the... *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : No more questions please.

... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI R.L. JALAPPA : That will be looked into. Textiles also will be looked into. I think that I have answered all the questions.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I now ask the Minister of Finance to reply to the discussion on the General Budget.

... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI RAM NAIK : Madam, the time now is 3.30 p.m. It is time for Private Members' Business.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I agree with you but if the House permits and if Shri Subbarami Reddy permits,...

(Interruptions)

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY (Vishakapatnam) : I have no objection. Let us have the reply of the Minister of Finance. Then, we can start... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI RAM NAIK : The Private Members' Business cannot come later.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Let it come later.

SHRI RAM NAIK : It cannot come later.

[Translation]

SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT (Agra) : Please take up the Private Members' Bill first. Do not curtail our rights.

[English]

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : I have moved the bill and I have no objection. *(Interruptions)*

PROF. P.J. KURIEN (Mavelikara) : You cannot change the time. That is our right. *(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

MR. CHAIRMAN : What is your objection to it?

[English]

SHRI RAM NAIK : It makes a lot of difference. He can

speak after that. Why should we be so much worried about it? It is everybody's right.

[Translation]

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Half a minute makes no difference.

SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : This is a constitutional right of the Members, it should not be curtailed. We can sit even after 6.00 P.M.

[English]

SHRI RAM NAIK : Private Members' rights are never curtailed.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV (Silchar) : All that we want is that the reply to the discussion on the Genral Budget should be completed. Regarding adjustment of time, you can take the views of the Members and adjust it. We have requested the Speaker that there should at least be one Ministry's Demands for Grants debated. It can be done on Monday. We have decided in the all party meeting that the Finance Bill would be discussed for two days, where we can cover all the other subjects also.

15.33 hrs.

[MR. SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

I would not mind if Members belonging to my party want to say something on these Resolutions. Some time can be given for that and after that the reply of the Minister of Finance must be completed today. We are ready even to sit late in the night and those who are willing to go to Mumbai may go. I hope Vajpayeeji would be here... *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Alternatively, what we can do is we can take up introduction since it will take only five or six minutes. Vajpayeeji has got some work to do.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Once it is started, it cannot be cut short. So, I want that after introduction is through, the reply should come. The whole business of the House is in a very bad position.

MR. SPEAKER : I do not think that the Minister of Finance would take much time.

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Let him reply.

SHRI RAM NAIK : He can do that only after Private Members' Business is over.

[Translation]

SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : We are not trying to curtail the rights or duties of the Finance Minister. We get very little time for the Private Members' Bills. Please take it first.

[English]

SHRI RAM NAIK : At six o'clock, after the Private Members' Business is over, if the Minister of Finance wants to reply he can reply. But let there be no encroachment upon the time allotted for Private Members' Business. Already, last week, we have lost the time for Priavte Members' Business and we could not accommodate it later. Let him reply at six o'clock. It is not the practice, it is not the custom and it is not the convention to do it like this. It is never done like that... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI RAM NAIK : He can reply after 6 o'clock. *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : The Member concerned has no objection to the Minister's reply.

... *(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT (Ajmer) : Mr. Speaker, those who want to speak should get an opportunity... *(Interruptions)* The Private Members' Business is given only two and a half hours. If you permit this, it will become a convention.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is not the first time that it has happened. On earlier occasions also, the time was extended by one hour. If the time is extended by one hour there will be no curtailment in two and a half hours allotted to Private Members only, the Private Members will start at 4.30 p.m. instead of 3.30 p.m.

[English]

SHRI RAM NAIK : Many hon. Members have to introduce their Bills. You can complete the business by six o'clock and then the hon. Minister can reply. There is no difficulty. This is what we are suggesting.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : The only point is that suppose we start this business now, even introduction of Bills would go up to 4.30 p.m.

SHRI RAM NAIK : No, it would take only ten or fifteen minutes to introduce the Bills.

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA : Then, the Minister can start giving his reply after ten or fifteen minutes. After that we can take up Private Members' Business.

SHRI RAM NAIK : First, we can take up introduction of Bills. Then, the hon. Minister can reply.

MR. SPEAKER : That is what I was suggesting.

[Translation]

That was my suggestion, but you said it should not be done.

SHRI RAM NAIK : If you want to do it, you may.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : The House can decide anything. The House is supreme. Now, we will take up Private Members' Business - Introduction of Bills.

15.36 hrs.

UNIFORM EDUCATION BILL

[English]

DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR (Hapur) : I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for uniform education throughout the country.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is:

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for uniform education throughout the country."

The motion was adopted.

DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR : I introduce the Bill.

15.36½ hrs.

[English]

DECLARATION OF ASSETS BY MINISTERS BILL

DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR (Hapur) : I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for declaration and public scrutiny of assets of Ministers.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is :

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for declaration and public scrutiny of assets of Ministers."

The motion was adopted.

DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR : I introduce the Bill.

15.37 hrs.

[English]

HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE (ADMINISTRATION) BILL

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA (Ponnani) : I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the appointment of a Commission to oversee the administration of the secretarial staff of the House of the People and for matters connected therewith.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is :

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the appointment of a Commission to oversee the administration of the secretarial staff of the House of the People and for matters connected therewith."

The motion was adopted.

SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : I introduce the Bill.

15.37½ hrs.

[English]

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL
(Amendment of article 80, etc.)

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (Lucknow) : I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of India.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is :

"That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of India."

The motion was adopted.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : I introduce the Bill.

15.38 hrs.

[English]

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL
(Amendment of Tenth Schedule)

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA (Kottayam) : I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of India.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is :